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Unofficial reports state that plague is present at Amoy, China ; Macao, China, and Tainan, Formosa, in epidemic form.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

*Abstract of mortality statistics at Hongkong month of April, 1901.*

|                            | Population.          |               |                 |                         | Population.          |               |                 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                            | British and foreign. | Chinese land. | Chinese harbor. |                         | British and foreign. | Chinese land. | Chinese harbor. |
| Specific diseases—         |                      |               |                 | Circulatory system—     |                      |               |                 |
| Smallpox.....              | 0                    | 18            | 1               | Heart disease.....      | 0                    | 9             | 0               |
| Fever, enteric.....        | 2                    | 0             | 0               | Respirat'y system—      |                      |               |                 |
| Diarrhea.....              | 0                    | 35            | 5               | Bronchitis.....         | 2                    | 18            | 5               |
| Dysentery.....             | 2                    | 1             | 0               | Pneumonia.....          | 1                    | 12            | 2               |
| Bubonic plague.....        | 0                    | 112           | 3               | Phthisis.....           | 9                    | 39            | 11              |
| Malarial fever.....        | 2                    | 31            | 3               | Pleurisy.....           | 1                    | 0             | 0               |
| Beriberi.....              | 0                    | 17            | 5               | Empyema.....            | 0                    | 3             | 0               |
| Septic—                    |                      |               |                 | Asthma.....             | 1                    | 0             | 0               |
| Puerperal fever.....       | 0                    | 1             | 0               | Digestive system—       |                      |               |                 |
| Venereal syphilis.....     | 0                    | 1             | 0               | Hepatic abscess.....    | 1                    | 0             | 0               |
| Effects of injuries.....   | 3                    | 10            | 3               | Cirrhosis of liver...   | 1                    | 0             | 0               |
| Developmental—             |                      |               |                 | Peritonitis.....        | 0                    | 1             | 0               |
| Debility and old age..     | 0                    | 14            | 7               | Urinary system—         |                      |               |                 |
| Marasmus and atrophy.....  | 0                    | 10            | 0               | Nephritis (acute)...    | 1                    | 0             | 0               |
| Miscellaneous—             |                      |               |                 | Bright's disease....    | 0                    | 4             | 0               |
| Cancer of breast.....      | 0                    | 1             | 0               | Rupture of bladder      | 0                    | 0             | 1               |
| General tuberculosis       | 1                    | 0             | 0               | Generative system—      |                      |               |                 |
| Anæmia.....                | 1                    | 0             | 0               | Post-partum hemorrhage. | 0                    | 1             | 0               |
| Nervous system—            |                      |               |                 | Childbirth.....         | 0                    | 3             | 1               |
| Meningitis.....            | 0                    | 1             | 0               | Undefined—              |                      |               |                 |
| Apoplexy.....              | 2                    | 7             | 0               | Synovitis, Suppurative. | 0                    | 1             | 0               |
| Paralysis.....             | 0                    | 0             | 1               | Dropsy.....             | 0                    | 4             | 0               |
| Infantile convulsions..... | 0                    | 19            | 1               | Abscess, gluteal.....   | 0                    | 0             | 1               |
| Tetanus.....               | 0                    | 1             | 0               | Undiagnosed.....        | 0                    | 5             | 6               |
| Trismus.....               | 0                    | 35            | 0               |                         |                      |               |                 |
| Epilepsy.....              | 1                    | 0             | 0               | Total.....              | 33                   | 418           | 56              |
| Cerebral tumor.....        | 1                    | 0             | 0               |                         |                      |               |                 |
| Cerebral softening....     | 1                    | 0             | 0               |                         |                      |               |                 |

British and foreign population, 9,324; death rate, 27.0 per 1,000. Chinese land population, 235,240; death rate, 21.3 per 1,000. Chinese harbor population, 88,790; death rate, 17.9 per 1,000. The whole colony, 283,354; death rate, 21.0 per 1,000, exclusive of army and navy.

#### COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port—Health conditions good.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, June 19, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the following report of the transactions at this port for the week ended June 18, 1901, inclusive: The following vessels have cleared from this port during the week, and I inclose herewith the triplicate certificates for same: June 12, Norwegian steamship *Jamaica*, Petersen, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala.; Norwegian steamship *John Wilson*, Hansen, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. June 13, Norwegian steamship *Bodo*, Johannesen, master; crew, 16; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. June 15, Norwegian steamship *Harald*, Halvorsen, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala.

This port remains healthy. At the close of my weekly report for June 11, 1901, I addressed a note to Señor Ricardo Pizarro, the alcalde of this district, asking him, if convenient, to kindly furnish me with a

list of the deaths each week for the information of the Bureau, which he has consented to do. \* \* \*

Complying with my request, the alcalde reports 1 death, June 12, female, Colombian; cause of death not reported.

Respectfully,

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*A case of yellow fever at Bocas del Toro.*

[Telegram.]

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *June 28, 1901.*

WYMAN, *Washington, D. C.*: One yellow, Bocas.—OSTERHOUT.

COSTA RICA.

*Reports from Port Limon—Fruit port.*

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *June 21, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended June 21, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000.

Number of cases of yellow fever during the week, 1; deaths, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 6. Prevailing diseases, malaria, tuberculosis, and syphilis.

The case of yellow fever on which a special report was made June 13, is now convalescent; he has been isolated from the inception of the disease, and his physician promises a thorough disinfection of bedding and effects to-day.

Isolated in a different hospital is another case, under observation and regarded as suspicious.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: June 16, steamship *Stillwater*; crew, 28; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. June 17, steamship *Athos*; crew, 40; passengers from this port, 14; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. June 19, steamship *Holstein*; crew, 21; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. June 20, steamship *Beverly*; crew, 39; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. June 21, steamship *Kitty*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

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